

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (16/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Farrah. (1/17)

Representative Gosselin moved to excuse absent members. **Representative Hoogendyk** supported the motion. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

Representative Jones moved to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2006 meeting. **Representative Meyer** supported the motion. Without objection, the minutes were approved.

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5541** and **HB 5761** before the committee.

HB 5541 Gosselin Property tax exemptions; real and personal property of fraternal and veterans organizations; exempt.

HB 5761 Jones Businesses; nonprofit corporations; Masonic associations; exempt property used for Masonic purposes from property tax.

Representative Bob Gosselin, sponsor of **HB 5541**, testified before the committee.

Representative Rick Jones, sponsor of **HB 5761**, testified before the committee.

Paul Tarr, representing the Michigan Masonic Foundation, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5761**.

Richard Ruhland, representing the Michigan Masonic Foundation, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5761**.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Jim Bowman, representing the Michigan Moose Association, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5541**.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified before the committee on **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

Summer H Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 5541** and **HB 5761**.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:34 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070

PROPOSED